CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

(*i*) *re : alleged misuse of funds by Tahsildar and other at Hirekerur Taluk.*

SRI M. M. NADAF (Shiggaon).—I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue to the alleged misuse of Government funds by the Tahsildar and other officials of Hirekerur Taluk in Dharwar District.

SRI N. HUTCHMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue).—I wish to make the following statement :

As a result of drought there has been scarcity of drinking water in many affected villages in the State. Government have sanctioned amounts under the Head "289" to meet the charges on transportation of water through truks or bullock carts to such villages. The Deputy Commissioner, Dharwad had provided Rs. 15,000 at the disposal of the Tahsildar, Hirekerur Taluk for this purpose.

The Tahsildar Hirekerur Taluk in his weekly seasonal report for the week ending 26-3-1977 reported to the Deputy Commissioner that arrangements have been made to supply water to the following villages by bullock carts. The amount drawn and encashed on 31-3-1977 for these villages are :

1.	Lingapur	...	Rs. 900
2.	Chinnamulgund	...	1,320
3.	Madlur	...	1,320
4.	Chgachikoppa	...	
5.	Yammiganur	...	1,020
6.	Purakondikoppa	...	1,050
7.	Channalli Tanda	...	1,320

In the Taluk Co-ordination Committee meeting held on 16-4-1977 at Hirekerur at which the Minister of State for Animal Husbandry presided the Thasildar intimated that the above sum of Rs. 6,930 has been spent for this purpose and paid to the police patils of these villages. But the enquiries made locally by the Minister of State for Animal Husbandry revealed that there has been no supply of water at all to the villages. The Deputy Commissioner, Dharwad District made a surprise inspection of the Taluk Office on 3-5-1977 and verified the entries in the Cash Book, D. C. Bill and other connected records The Deputy Commissioner has reported after the inspection that the Tahsildar has drawn a sum of Rs. 6,930 on D. C. Bill, had endorsed on the bill that the amount was paid on 31-3-1977 and that the amount has been disbursed before the Tahsildar, Even in the Cash Book similar entry had been endorsed,

He had found that the Cash Book has been written everyday upto 14-4-1977 and signed by the Tahsildar and in these entries the amount of Rs. 6,930 has been shown as spent. But later the entries from 31-3-1977 to 14-4-1977 have been cancelled by the Tahsildar without indicating the date of cancellation. After cancellation fresh entries have beer made showing the above amounts on the receipt side as unspent balance.

Though a preliminary enquiry was conducted by the Assistant Commissioner on 17-4-1977 he could not detect the irregularities that came to light subsequently when the Deputy Commissioner made the surprise inspection to the Taluk Office on 3rd May.

From the preliminary enquiry the Deputy Commissioner, Dharwad has come to the conclusion that there have been grave lapses by the Tahsildar. Sheristedars and concerned officials of the Taluk Office of Hirekerur and has kept them under suspension. The Divisional Commissioner, Belgaum has ratified the action taken by the Deputy Commissioner pending departmental enquiries against the Tahsildar a nd other official. The Departmental enquiries are in progress.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಂ. ನಾಡಾಫ್.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ತಾವು ತಮ್ಮ ಸ್ಟೇಟ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ "though a preliminary enquiry was conducted by the Assistant Commissioner on 17-4-1977, he could not deteet the irregularities" ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದೀರಿ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಅಸಿಸ್ಟೆಂಟ್ ಕಮಿಷನರ್ ಮತ್ತು ತಹಶೀಲ್ದಾರ್‌ರವರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದೇ ಒಪೀನಿಯನ್ ಇದೆ ಎಂದು ಇದರಿಂದ ಗೊತ್ತಾಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಅವರ ಮೇಲೂ ನಹ ಎನ್‌ಕ್ವೈರಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಕ್ರಮ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚವಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ಈಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಅನಿರೀಕ್ಷಿತವಾಗಿ ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಭೇಟಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟಾಗ ನೇರವಾಗಿ ಸಿಕ್ಕಿಹಾಕಿಕೊಂಡಂಥವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಅಸಿಸ್ಟೆಂಟ್ ಕಮಿಷನರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಎನ್‌ಕ್ವೈರಿ ಮಾಡಿ, ಅವರು ತಪ್ಪಿತಸ್ಥರಾಗಿದ್ದರೆ ಅವರ ಮೇಲೂ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ ಎಂ. ನಧಾಫ್.—ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರು ಧಾರವಾಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗೆ 15,000 ರೂಪಾಯಿ ಗಳನ್ನು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಈ ಹಣ ದುರುಪಯೋಗವಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ, ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಇನ್ನೂ ಯಾರ್ಯಾರು ತಪ್ಪಿತಸ್ಥರಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಅಂತಹವರ ಮೇಲೂ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೀರಾ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚವಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ಇದರಲ್ಲಿ ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ತಪ್ಪಿತಸ್ಥರು ಎಂದು ಗೊತ್ತಾಗಿರ ತಕ್ಕಂಥವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಇನ್ನು ಯಾರ್ಯಾರು ತಪ್ಪಿತಸ್ಥರು ಇದ್ದಾರೆ ಅವರ ಮೇಲೂ ಕ್ರಮವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

(ii re: levy of parking fee by the N. C. C.

SRI T. R. SHAMANNA (fort).—I call the attention of the Minister for Municipal Administration and Political Pension regarding levy of vehicle parking fees by the Corporation of the City of Bangalore at City Market Areas, Avenue Road, Chickpet, Commercial Street, etc.,